

# WOODFORD COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

## SBDM COUNCIL POLICY

POLICY TOPIC: Personal Appearance

POLICY NUMBER: 12

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### **Personal Appearance**

The school council has established standards for Woodford County Middle School students' dress that emphasize modesty, cleanliness and good grooming as defined below and by school officials as the need arises. We want to encourage each student to gain recognition through personal poise and conscientious work, not through inappropriate dress. One's personal appearance is a manifestation of self-evaluation, and we hope that students will think highly enough of themselves to dress for success.

#### **General**

All students are expected to adhere to common practices of modesty, cleanliness, and neatness and to dress in such a manner as to contribute to the academic atmosphere. Clothing, jewelry, accessories, or other items of adornment that refer to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sexual innuendos, gang activity, violence, foul language, or weaponry is not permitted. The wearing of any item that materially or significantly disrupts the educational process or threatens the health or safety of other students or staff members is prohibited.

#### **Pants**

Students may wear jeans, khakis, slacks, or sweatpants of any color. Pants must conform to the following:

- Must be free of holes and rips above the knee (frays and tears are considered holes.)
- Must cover underwear and backside at all times
- Must not sag (must be worn at waist level)
- Leggings, jeggings, tights, spandex, bicycle, yoga pants/shorts must be worn with a shirt that meets the fingertip rule (when hands are placed to the students side the length of the shirt is as long or longer than the student's fingers on all sides).
- **Pajama and flannel pants are prohibited.**

#### **Shorts**

- Shorts must meet the fingertip rule all the way around.
- Be composed of nontransparent material
- Must be free of holes and rips
- Must cover underwear and backside at all times
- Must not sag (must be worn at waist level)

#### **Skirts**

- Skirts must meet fingertip rule all the way around.

- Be composed of non-transparent material
- Must be free of holes and rips
- Must cover underwear and backside at all times
- Must not sag (must be worn at waist level).

### **Dresses**

- Dresses must meet fingertip rule all the way around.
- Dresses cannot expose midriff, come off the shoulder, or show bare back. See through garments such as tops that are lace or crochet - these dresses must have shirts underneath that meet the 2 inch rule).
- All tops must have a 2 inch measurable sleeve in width.
- Dresses with transparent material must meet dress code of shirts, pants/shorts as outlined in those sections.

### **Shirts**

**All** shirts must meet the following criteria:

- All tops must have a 2 inch measurable sleeve in width.
- Shirts cannot expose midriff, come off the shoulder, or show bare back. See through garments such as tops that are lace or crochet - these dresses must have shirts underneath that meet the 2 inch rule).
- Transparent tops (sheer, crochet, etc.) can be worn on top of a shirt that MEETS dress code.

### **Footwear**

Footwear must be worn at all times. Slippers, house shoes, or the like are prohibited unless prescribed by a physician.

### **Outerwear**

- Coats must remain in the student's locker
- Insulated overalls and coveralls must remain in the student's locker

### **Accessories**

Dangerous jewelry such as dog collars, wallet chains, belt chains, spike jewelry, or any other accessories that the administration deems dangerous are not permitted. Head coverings such as hats, scarves, bandanas, head warmers, sweatbands, and doo-rags must not be visible from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. unless such attire is a recognized part of a religious practice adhered to by the students or is prescribed by a physician. Sunglasses are not to be worn or be visible inside the building unless ordered by a physician.

### **Enforcement**

The school administration shall have the right to evaluate any clothing to determine its acceptability within the guidelines of the dress code. Administrators shall also have the right to make an interpretation on the decency and appropriateness of any garment. Administrators, teachers, and other certified personnel are responsible for enforcing the dress code. Possible exceptions for special days will be at the discretion of the administration.

### **Consequences**

Students who fail to comply with the dress code may be sent home when deemed appropriate by school administrators and are subject to disciplinary action. Clarification regarding apparel should be obtained from the school administrator PRIOR to wearing the apparel to school.

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian; conference with administrator.

(Occasionally, t-shirts may be offered to students to wear to correct the infraction. Students should return these to the office as soon as possible after wearing them)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and assignment to after school detention

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** Correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and assignment to AER

**4<sup>th</sup> Offense:** Correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and assignment to 2 days of AER

**5<sup>th</sup> Offense or more:** Correct the infraction; notify the parent/guardian and consequence(s) deemed necessary by administration

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